

## SEA FIGHT RUMOR DOUBTED.

### RUSSIAN SHIPS SEEN FAR NORTH OF ANAMBAS ISLANDS.

**Java Had Heard the Fleets Were Engaged There—Russians' Whole Battleship Force in Line—Some Japanese Warships Off Cebu in China Coast—Collier Held Up**

**SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCHES TO THE SUN.**  
SINGAPORE, April 12.—The British cruisers Sutej and Iphigenia arrived here today from Hong Kong. They passed the Russian Baltic fleet, including seven battleships, at daybreak yesterday morning. The Russians were then steaming north.

The Sutej saw the fleet about 550 miles northeast of Singapore.

LONDON, April 13.—The improbable rumors that a naval fight had occurred somewhere in the China Sea are regarded as being completely killed by the report of the British cruiser Sutej. The rumor is attributed to two Russian officers on board a German yacht which arrived at Batavia accompanied by four colliers. Their version was that the Japanese had lost four ships.

There is neither news nor rumors of the Japanese naval movements.

### THE RUMOR OF BATTLE.

AMSTERDAM, April 12.—A despatch to the Handelsblad from Batavia, Java, says that a fight between Japanese and Russian vessels is in progress near the Anambas Islands, which are 170 miles northeast of Singapore.

The despatch gives no details of the reported engagement.

Five Dutch warships are on the scene.

SAIGON, French Cochinchina, April 12.—Japanese warships are cruising off the Cochinchina coast.

The French cruiser Descautes and five torpedo boats are stationed in sight of Cape St. James, off this port. The wireless telegraph apparatus aboard the Descautes has recorded several messages in an undecipherable code.

It is stated that the gunboats Achero and Styx will leave Saigon to protect the neutrality of French waters.

### TOKIO COMPARES THE FLEETS.

TOKIO, April 12.—All the heavy armament of the Japanese battleships was recently renewed. It is estimated that the strength of the respective fleets is as follows:

Russia—Seven battleships, with a total of 87,344 tons, and two armored cruisers, 14,724 tons. Their principal guns consist of twenty-four 12-inch, four 10-inch and eight 8-inch.

Japanese—Five battleships of 60,880 tons and eight armored cruisers of 75,686 tons. Their principal guns consist of twenty 12-inch, one 10-inch and thirty 8-inch.

Prime Minister Katsumi and Gen. Teruchi, Minister of War, held an important conference to-day with the chiefs of several departments.

### STOCKS DECLINED TO-DAY.

LONDON, April 12.—A despatch from St. Petersburg to the Central News says that the fact that there is no news from Admiral Rojestvensky is officially explained by the statement that when he started on the last stage of his voyage Rojestvensky sent word that he would not cable until there was a battle.

LONDON, April 12.—Lloyd's agent at Singapore, referring to his telegram of April 8, with regard to the passage of the Russian fleet through the Malacca Strait, says that the fleet was composed of seven battleships, two armored cruisers, five unarmored cruisers, three converted cruisers, seven destroyers, seventeen steamships, a hospital ship and a tug.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Victoria, Island of Labuan, six miles northwest of Borneo, says the American cruiser Raleigh is at Victoria awaiting events. British cruisers are expected to arrive soon.

### WASHINGTON HEARD OF RUSSIAN LOSS.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Throughout the Government Departments much excitement prevailed this afternoon over the report that an engagement had occurred between the Russian and Japanese fleets. According to one rumor, the Navy Department had received a despatch reporting that the hostile vessels met off the coast of Java and three Russian battleships were sunk; but the naval authorities denied that they had any such message.

### COLLIER HELD AT SINGAPORE.

German Steamer With Cardiff Coal Not Allowed to Go to Saigon.

**SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.**  
SINGAPORE, April 12.—The authorities here today refused clearance papers to the German collier Hindoo, bound for Saigon, French Cochinchina, and placed a guard of Sikhs aboard the vessel.

The Hindoo took on board 4,300 tons of Cardiff coal at Tanjong Pagar. The clearance papers were refused unless her captain would undertake to deliver the cargo through the British Consul at Saigon.

Several despatches confirm the assertion that there are no warships at Muntok, Island of Bangka, where rumor had Rojestvensky's battleship squadron.

### PLAN TO PACIFY THE PEASANTS.

Roads Will Be Asked To Turn Over Government Lands to Them.

**SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.**  
ST. PETERSBURG, April 12.—A high percentage at court will deposit at the Ministry of the Interior to-morrow a memorial proposing that Government lands and certain imperial estates be transferred to the peasantry on the basis of the land distribution ordered by Alexander II. following the liberation of the serfs. The peasantry would acquire the lands by a system of

After all, the Scotch that made the Highland Fancies. It is the best—A.D.

**SHORT LINE TO CLEVELAND.**  
Pennsylvania Railroad. Through sleeping car leaves New York daily at 4:30 P. M., arrives Cleveland at 7:15 A. M. Chicago Limited, no extra fare.

## IT'S GOOD TO GIVE—CARNEGIE.

### HE WHO SERVES HUMANITY IS THE TRUE ARISTOCRAT.

**The Library Saver Talks to the Home Culture Club of Northampton on Ideal Living—He Hints That a National Theatre Is Not an Impossibility.**

**NORTHAMPTON, Mass., April 12.**—The Carnegie House, the latest addition to the group of buildings devoted to the work of the Home Culture Club of this city and toward the building of which Andrew Carnegie contributed \$50,000, was formally opened to-day. Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie were guests of honor.

They were met at the railroad station by a committee. George W. Cable, the author and founder of the Home Culture Club, entertained the visitors at his home. A jewel case was presented to Mrs. Carnegie. There was a reception at the club in the afternoon and in the evening the dedication exercises were held in the Academy of Music.

Mayor T. M. Connor presided, and music was furnished by the Home Culture Club's chorus. Mr. Cable, the president of the club, made a report, and then Mr. Carnegie made an address. He said that many years ago he had heard of Northampton as a model town.

"Especially on one line is Northampton a model town," he went on, "one that the future is likely to enlarge. I mean this beautiful theatre in which we now assemble, perhaps the only theatre owned by a city and managed for the people by the city, the gift of a philanthropist, E. H. R. Lyman, who is probably to become famous in after days as being the first that ever gave dramatic art a home of its own. I am glad to notice that it is not strictly reserved for theatrical purposes, but serves as the meeting place for everything that is good."

"Many are the efforts made to establish a national theatre, France, with her Theatre Francaise, has succeeded better than any other country. There is no company, so far as I know, to that wonderful centre of dramatic art. There can be no doubt about the power for good that lies in the drama, and I congratulate Northampton upon leading the way."

This led Mr. Carnegie to remark that he had got intense satisfaction out of the \$2,600,000 he had given to his native town of Dunfermline. He had charged the commission to which the fund was entrusted to spend the revenue so as "to bring into the lives of the tolling masses the gift of the sweetness and light; to give them—especially the young—some charm, some happiness, some elevating conditions of life which residence elsewhere would have denied; that the child of my native town, looking back in after years, however far from home it may have roamed, will feel that simply by virtue of being such life has been made happier and better."

If this be the fruit of your labors you will have succeeded; if not, you will have failed. "When I spoke of this fund to a noted man of New England once," Mr. Carnegie went on to say, "and asked what the model town of this country was, he unhesitatingly named Northampton. Allowing for New England partiality, Mrs. Carnegie and I have become quite convinced that the selection was a wise one. It is natural, therefore, that Northampton should be noted for a new departure in the good work of spreading among the masses sweetness and light through Home Culture clubs under Mr. Cable, the first of which we have so greatly enjoyed this afternoon."

The fact that the Home Culture Club would have a dance every Saturday night pleased the Laird of Skibo. "Let joy be unconfined," he said. Through such means as these clubs the reign of democracy became firmly established and extended. The alliance of birth and wealth was being dissolved in our day by what a man knows. But that was not the final step; in the future the question would be how a man serves his fellow men.

"Here," said the speaker, "is the true, the final aristocracy which never can be displaced—not what he does for himself, but what he does for others will be the standard by which man is judged; wherein he has sacrificed self, wherein his life has been given to others, what good seed has been planted for posterity; what trees bearing the golden fruit do we owe to his planting and care, and the cause of the widow and fatherless, wherein has he searched it out?"

"Toward this ideal I think that we are marching more directly in America than in any other land; first, because we have less distance to march and fewer obstacles to overcome than much older lands. Our forefathers established in this country a government of the people, any man's privilege every man's right, and declared not the royalty of this or that family, but it knew and dared declare, in Burns' celebrated words, the royalty of man."

"It is upon this platform that we all stand, the highest in the land, the President, being in the largest and deepest sense beyond all others, the greatest servant of his fellows. This is glorious democracy. Starting from this plane, good roads lead direct to everything that tends to bring about the brotherhood of man; the establishment of the true ideal—that of character and of service—the test of a man's position among us being the performance of his duties as a citizen, and the extent to which he has labored not for his own selfish ends, but for the good of others, the only passport to position, precedence and public esteem."

"Not even under what form has been worshipped God, which troubled the early Puritans too much, but how he has served man is to be the test in the days to come, and Franklin's axiom will be accepted—the highest form of worship of God is service of man. Man will dwell less upon heaven, our home, and more upon the duty of making home a heaven here on earth."

**SEEING PORTO RICO.**  
Congressional Committee Home From Its Jamb. With Recommendations.

J. Adam Bede, Republican Congressman from Minnesota, who sailed here for Porto Rico and New Orleans with his colleagues of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors in the latter part of March, got back yesterday aboard the transport Sumner. He left thirteen of the committee at New Orleans.

Mr. Bede said the committee, after inspecting the harbor of San Juan, was unanimous in agreeing that it should be deepened and widened so that it would afford refuge in time of stress to the whole North Atlantic squadron instead of only three or four vessels, as at present. The committee, Mr. Bede said, would also recommend the improvement of the harbor of Fonce.

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## ROOSEVELT MOVES TO-DAY.

### Will Start To-night for Colorado—Day of Him for Secretary Loeb.

**PORT WORTH, Tex., April 12.**—Secretary Loeb said to-night that the Presidential special would start for Fredericks, Okla., to-morrow at 10 A. M. It will reach Fredericks about 8 o'clock. According to the official schedule, President Roosevelt and his party will board the train about 9:25, and the start for Colorado will be made at that hour.

Mr. Loeb to-day received mail from Washington, but he said it contained nothing that required the attention of the President. So far Mr. Loeb has received no word from the camp at Panther Springs, and he has forwarded nothing to it.

Secretary Loeb to-day went on a jack-rabbit hunt, planted a tree, made his first speech, and attended a barbecue. The hunt took place at Blue Mound Ranch, fourteen miles out of town, and the secretary and his party bagged about thirty jacks and half a dozen bunnies.

In the intermission for refreshment Mr. Loeb played a hackberry tree and delivered his speech. He thanked the citizens of Fort Worth for the handsome manner in which they had entertained the Presidential party left here. At the luncheon which interrupted the hunt about midday barbecued hog, lamb and ducks were served. The barbecue proper was held to-night, and following it Mr. Loeb was initiated into the Ho Ho Ho.

### MUSIC CHASER CALLED OFF.

Mrs. Lewis's Son Says Mrs. Gurnee Can Have Quiet Without Cost Sentry.

Percy Pyne Lewis, son of Mrs. Mary Taylor Lewis of 411 Fifth avenue, who rather enjoys playing a hickory tree, was called off by the sentry in front of her house, went to the Tenderloin station last night a bit agitated.

"Why," said he, "is there a man in brass buttons and blue coat standing in front of my mother's house, hour after hour? One would think it was a gambling house from that policeman's attitude. It really is not right; it really isn't. If it is a mere question of keeping music away from Walter S. Gurnee's house at 417, why, we can arrange that among ourselves."

Capt. Cottrell said he would withdraw the patrolman who had been stationed in front of Mrs. Lewis's house. It appeared that there had been a mistake, anyway.

When Commissioner McAdoe was informed that Walter S. Gurnee's wife was about to undergo a surgical operation and needed quiet, and Mr. Gurnee wanted a policeman stationed in front of his house to keep off the Italian perils, the sergeant at the Tenderloin station who got the Commissioner's order misunderstood matters and put the policeman in front of Mrs. Lewis's house.

### BEEF INDICTMENTS TO-DAY.

Grand Jury Believed to Have Voted Then—Wanted Witnesses Seen in Canada.

**CHICAGO, April 12.**—Indictments against persons concerned in alleged violations of the Sherman anti-trust law are expected to be returned to-morrow by the Federal Grand Jury investigating the so-called beef trust. Reports are also current that warrants are out for the arrest of certain witnesses, presumably on charges of perjury.

It was believed for a time that indictments would be returned to-day, but when the Grand Jury adjourned to-night District Attorney Morrison stated that there would be no important developments until to-morrow. Whether the indictments, which are said to have been voted to-day, charge tampering with witnesses, conspiracy or relate to violations of the Sherman Anti-trust law are matters of conjecture.

The whereabouts of eight department heads of large packing concerns wanted as witnesses, whom United States Marshals failed to serve, was revealed to the Federal authorities today by Edwin B. Fish, a clerk in the traffic department of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, who has just returned from Canada. While on a tour of inspection of icing stations for his firm Mr. Fish met eight department heads of other packing houses.

Fish is understood to have told the District Attorney that the eight men he met have played the game of "get away from me as possible and to keep away. Several days ago the eight men received information which led them to arrange for a European trip. Their wives were notified to join them across the Atlantic and to spend the next year or two travelling through Europe.

**TO CONFER ON CHICAGO STRIKE.**  
The Employers' Association to Meet the Teamsters' Leaders To-day.

**CHICAGO, April 12.**—Late this afternoon a conference between the teamsters' strike leaders and the Chicago Employers' Association was arranged. This conference, which was sought by President Shea of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, will be held to-morrow morning. Neither side held out much hope to-night that the conference would bring results, however.

While the situation was under discussion to-day Montgomery, Ward & Co. did an increasing business in teaming. Thirty or forty truckloads of goods were moved under heavy police protection. Many attempts at blockading were made, attended by the usual scenes of riot, such as throwing stones, coal and other missiles.

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## GRAND JURY POOLROOM HUNT

### HUDSON COUNTY FOREMAN GETS HIS OWN EVIDENCE.

**Then Suggests a Raid to Jersey City Chief of Police and Eight Prisoners Are Bugged—Jerome Had Driven New York Beggars Across the River.**

**Dr. Arthur J. Walscheid of Union Hill, foreman of the Hudson county Grand Jury, and Newton Lawrence, another member of the panel, went to lower Jersey City yesterday afternoon to look for poolrooms and found Jerry Murphy's place at 51 Newark avenue, just around the corner from Police Headquarters, open for business.**

The jurors were held up at the front door by a lookout, who inquired if they knew anybody in town. Dr. Walscheid mentioned the names of several well known men in Jersey City and elsewhere, and the guard said: "If you're all right, go on up." And they went.

The foreman found a full fledged poolroom in operation. There were two or three hundred men in the place, and the employees were up to their necks in work. Walscheid fished out a roll of bills and an enthusiastic sport behind him whispered in an enthusiastic sport behind him: "Play Prince Richard." He's a cinch. Play him across the board."

The foreman took the advice and parted with \$15. When news was received that Prince Richard didn't finish in the money in the third race at New Orleans, the foreman walked around to Police Headquarters and called on Chief Murphy.

"There's a poolroom running in full blast in Newark avenue," he said, "and it should be raided."

"Are you ready to make a complaint?" asked the chief. "If you are and have the evidence the police will raid it."

Then the chief sent for Capt. Cody and ordered him to take the reserves around in a hurry. Two minutes later—at 5:15 o'clock, to be exact—cops were in front of the poolroom and the guard slammed the door in their faces. The police smashed their way in and the sports were panic stricken. All hands made a move toward the rear exit, but stopped when Capt. Cody said: "Don't get excited. We don't want anybody but the men engaged in running this place."

The cops gathered in eight men and a lot of poolroom paraphernalia. The prisoners gave furious names. Some said they were clerks and two humorists called themselves boglemakers.

Jerry Murphy, the reputed proprietor of the poolroom, was caught in the dragnet. He was booked as Joseph Mullins.

The prisoners were released in \$1,000 bail each to appear for examination in the First Criminal Court this morning. John Mullins was accepted as bondsman for the defendants.

Foreman Walscheid said that he got evidence against the place in pursuance of Supreme Court Justice Dixon's charge to the Grand Jury that it was their duty to investigate reports that poolrooms were in operation.

Since District Attorney Jerome has been making New York a danger place for gamblers, hundreds of men have been crossing the river every day to Jersey City and Hoboken. The Jersey rooms have been doing a lively business.

Three weeks ago the Rev. John L. Scudder, pastor of the First Congregational Church, told the police in a sermon where they could find poolrooms, and the next day Chief Murphy closed them up. The proprietors laid low for a while and made handbooks. On Saturday they reopened.

On Monday night ex-Finance Commissioner Reuben Simpson of Jersey City, at a meeting of the Minkakwa Club, said that he had been informed that the poolrooms were paying somebody \$1,000 for protection.

### SUSPEND PHARMACY STUDENTS

Five Frank Players in Columbia's School May Not Get Diplomas Until Fall.

Five members of the senior class of the College of Pharmacy, in West Sixty-eighth street, which is a branch of Columbia University, have been suspended. Whether the suspension will be permanent will rest with the board of trustees, who meet the first Tuesday in May.

The five young men are members of what the students and the faculty call "the gang." They are accused of being ringleaders in all the pranks, mainly directed against the teachers and instructors. Their undoing occurred a week ago last Monday when Prof. Oehler was lecturing to the senior class. It is alleged that "the gang" disturbed the lecturer greatly by throwing drugs and paper balls about the lecture room.

When Dean Rusby heard of these goings-on he started an investigation. Two of the five young men, named Gladwin and Seaman, pleaded that they were not to blame for the disturbance and they produced some witnesses who partly absolved their story. Then Dean Rusby partly lifted the suspension from them.

These two will be allowed to take the examination that begins to-morrow. If they pass successfully the board of trustees will have the final say about their receiving their diplomas. If the trustees decide that they are as guilty as the others, all five will have to stay in college until the fall examination takes place in October. Three of the young men will be allowed to this anyway before they can graduate.

**REFUSE JOBS AS COPS.**  
Eligibles Don't Want to Go on the Force, and New Men Resist.

Able bodied men who have succeeded in getting their names on the eligible list for the police force are ducking the job. Police Commissioner McAdoe recently got the money to pay for 400 additional patrolmen, after a great deal of talk and trouble, but now he is having difficulty in getting men to take the places.

The present list is already nearly exhausted. The Civil Service Commissioners are getting up another. In the meantime many men who are on the list are not offering appointments when they are offered. Police McAdoe says that he hardly knows what to do.

"The situation is unprecedented," said Commissioner McAdoe to-day. "There has never been a time in the history of the department when there was this antipathy against going on the force. Ten men have been offered appointments and have declined them; seven more have made no response to notices informing them of their appointments. Three patrolmen who accepted appointments have resigned after spending but a short time on the force. One man remained a patrolman only three days."

The procession moves pretty fast. Only people with good digestion keep up. Whiskies for breakfast with good digestion. Sale—A.D.

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## FRICK NOT TO ENTER CABINET.

### The President Had Him Sound on the Subject, and He Positively Declined.

**WASHINGTON, April 12.**—Henry C. Frick of Pittsburgh is not being considered for a place in President Roosevelt's Cabinet, nor is there any foundation for the report that he is contemplating entering the field of politics. Mr. Frick declined to be considered for a Cabinet position, and refused a place on the Isthmian Canal Commission, and thus made it plain that he had no ambition to hold office and that he would not accept any place within the gift of the President.

If Mr. Frick would accept it, there is not the slightest doubt felt here that he could succeed Lewis M. Shaw as Secretary of the Treasury. President Roosevelt has a high opinion of the Pittsburgh capitalist, and would be glad to have him in the Cabinet.

At the instance of the President, friends of Mr. Frick sounded him on the question of entering the Cabinet. They were known to him at the time, but with the view to securing the services of Mr. Frick in the future he was asked if he would accept a portfolio if it were offered him.

Mr. Frick answered that he had no ambition to enter the service of the Government and would not consider a proposition of the kind. There is no reason to believe that Mr. Frick has changed his mind on this subject. His business interests are large and require all of his time, and, moreover, his tastes are more in the direction of business than politics.

### BABY SAVED FROM RIVER.

Crowd Watches Rowboat Rescue—Wax Baby, However, So Crowd Looks Foolish.

John McCabe, a motorman of the 138th street line of the Union Railway, was taking a car across the Madison avenue bridge over the Harlem River yesterday afternoon when he saw what he thought was the body of a baby floating in the river. He stopped the car and told John Calhoun, a starter, Calhoun climbed down to the water and got a rowboat.

Several hundred people gathered on the bridge, including the passengers in the car. Calhoun got the body into the boat with a bathtub and was somewhat jarred when he found it was a large wax doll. He didn't let on that it wasn't a baby. He stopped the car and told John Calhoun, a starter, Calhoun climbed down to the water and got a rowboat.

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### AL ADAMS'S DAUGHTER SUES.

Asks Divorce From Robert Lees Armit, With Whom She Eloped Five Years Ago.

**NEWPORT, R. I., April 12.**—Mrs. Evelyn Brantner Armit, daughter of Al Adams, the Policy King, has brought suit for divorce from Robert Lees Armit. It is understood that the ground is desertion. The petition was filed to-day.

Mrs. Armit occupied the Warren cottage at Newport for three years. She was married to Mr. Armit about five years ago. It was a runaway marriage. She lived with her husband only about two years. He is at Guanajuato, Mex. It is understood that he will not contest the suit.

### TO GUARD SAVINGS BANKS.

Gov. Higgins Will Veto Any Bill Legalizing Railroad Bonds as an Investment.

**ALBANY, April 12.**—While Lam Governor of the State no special bill legalizing the securities of any railroad as a proper investment for savings bank and trust funds will be approved by me."

Gov. Higgins made the above statement to-day because of the attempt to amend Assemblyman Smith's Savings Bank General Bond Investment bill so as to permit savings banks to invest in the bonds of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Company.

### MAYOR DUNNE CALLS IN DARROW.

The Mine Workers' Counsel Has Charge of Chicago Traction Litigation.

**CHICAGO, April 12.**—Mayor Dunne took the first step to-day in the direction of shaping his municipal ownership campaign by placing Clarence S. Darrow in charge of all traction litigation.

In conference with Mayor Edgar B. Tolman, who will continue for the present to act as Corporation Counsel, and the next day Chief Murphy closed them up. The proprietors laid low for a while and made handbooks. On Saturday they reopened.

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